

**CARTRIDGE LOCKING DEVICE AND METHOD**

**ABSTRACT**

A cartridge locking device (10) for holding a filter media (14) in a plenum  
5 (12) in which an actuator (112) movable between a first position and a second  
position connects to a lever member (122) inwardly of the plenum (12) that moves  
between a position bearing on the filter media (14) to a spaced-apart position for  
replacing the filter media (14), the locking device (10) operable from the holding  
position to the spaced-apart position without opening the plenum (12), thereby  
10 reducing the time for the plenum (12) to be open during replacement operations. A  
method of locking and releasing a filter (14) for filter (14) change out is disclosed.